

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claim listing with the following:

Claim 1 (original): A coating composition for formation of a self-layering or self-coating lacquer system, comprising:

water; and

at least two components selected from the group consisting of a resin, an oligomer, and a polymer, the at least two components being emulsified or dispersed in the water and each of the least two components having a different surface tension, wherein one of the at least two components is radiation-hardenable, and wherein a difference in the surface tensions of the at least two components is greater than 5mN/m.

Claim 2 (original): The coating composition as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least two components are thermally dried or hardened by radiation.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The coating composition as recited in claim 2, wherein the at least two components are hardened by ~~at least one of~~ UV radiation, ~~NIR radiation and IR radiation.~~

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (currently amended): The coating composition as recited in claim 1, wherein the resin and the polymer are selected from the group ~~consisting of aminoplasts, epoxy resins, phenolic resins, polyurethane resins, polyester resins, polyvinyl acetate, amine resins, and~~ of alkyd resins.

Claim 6 (original): The coating composition as recited in claim 5, wherein the alkyd resins include fluorine- or silicon-containing resins.

Claim 7 (original): The coating composition as recited in claim 1, further comprising at least one starter for a radiation-induced radical polymerization.

Claim 8 (original): The coating composition as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of the least two components has a surface tension lying in a range from 20 to 35 mN/m.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The coating composition as recited in claim 1, wherein one of the components is formed by clear lacquer.

Claim 10 (original): A lacquer coating produced from a coating composition as recited in claim 1, wherein one of the at least two components forms a clear lacquer coating having a thickness of 1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and wherein another of the at least two components forms a coloring coating having a thickness of 5  $\mu\text{m}$  to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 11 (original): A lacquer coating, produced from a coating composition as recited in claim 1, wherein one of the at least two components forms a filler material layer and wherein another of the at least two components forms one of a base lacquer and a coating lacquer.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): A method of coating a surface of an automobile part or component, the method comprising:

providing a coating composition according to claim 1;  
using the coating composition to coat the surface of the automobile part or component.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): A method for manufacturing a self-coating or self-layering lacquer coating, the method comprising:

introducing a first component in water so as to emulsify or disburse the first component in the water in a first mixture;

introducing a second component in water so as to emulsify or disburse the second component in the water in a second mixture, wherein each of the at least two different

components are selected from the group consisting of a resin, a polymer, and an oligimer;  
adding a UV hardener to at least one of the first and second mixtures;  
mixing the first and second mixture to form a coating;  
applying the coating to an object;  
pre-drying the coating; and  
performing a final drying of the coating including at least one radiation treatment using  
UV light.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the applying is performed  
by doctor blading, electrostatically or pneumatically.